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HERSETH SANDLIN STATEMENT ON USDA RULE OPENING CANADIAN BORDER

Presents Unnecessary Risk to Domestic Herd in Face of BSE Threats

September 14, 2007, Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin

Rep. Herseth Sandlin, who serves on the House Agriculture Committee, said, “I cannot support a rule that opens the Canadian border to U.S. beef imports without first ensuring that the USDA has taken all necessary steps to protect the domestic herd from BSE threats.”

Rep. Herseth Sandlin holds serious concerns about the repeated incidents of Canadian beef contamination with BSE. She said, “The USDA must ensure that the Canadian herd is free of BSE before opening the border to U.S. beef imports.”

In June of this year, following another report of BSE in the Canadian herd, Rep. Herseth Sandlin called for a moratorium on U.S. beef imports from Canada until the USDA can ensure the Canadian herd is free of BSE.

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives.